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An Abstract of the ORDERS

OF

# St. THOMAS'S HOSPITAL

In SOUTHWARK, 1707.



H A T the Steward receive no Person into the House but on ordinary Court days, except by Order of the President, or Treasurer, or two Governours Takers-in; and in such Case the Person or Persons shall be presented the Court-day following, to the end, that if found Incurable, they may be discharged.

2. Item, That no Person be received, who is visited, or suspected to be visited, with the Plague, Small Pox, Itch, Scald Head, or other infectious Disease; and if any such be taken in, then to be discharged as soon as discovered.

3. Item, That no Person coming from the adjacent parts, shall be admitted without a Certificate from a Church-Warden of the Parish where he or she then lived, or other substantial Person, with a Promise to receive them when discharged: And in case of Death, to take away and bury the Corps without Charge to this House, except in some Extraordinary Cases to be allowed by the Treasurer, or Governours Takers-in, for the time being. And the Governours Takers-in, and the Steward, are to take care that the Patients do provide themselves with convenient Linnen at their Admittance.

4. Item, That none put out by Takers-in for the time being, be received in again by the succeeding Takers-in, except very likely to be Cured, or have some new Distemper: And the Steward is required to take great Care that the new Takers-in be constantly informed of such Persons so formerly discharged, when they desire to be taken in again.

5. Item, That none be taken in, that by the Advice of the Doctors and Chirurgions are Incurable.

6. Item, That no Poor Person, at their Entrance, pay any Money or Gratuity for Garb or Footing, on pain of Expulsion of the Person that Demands or Receives it.

7. Item, That the Chirurgions shall cause the Poor to be well and orderly dressed before Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon in Winter, and before Nine in the Summer; and that there be no Dressing in the Evening after the usual Hour for shutting up the Gates, unless upon extraordinary Occasions to be allowed by Mr. Treasurer. And that no Doctor, Chirurgion, or Apothecary, or any Officer or Servant, take any Moneys or Reward, on Account of Curing any poor Patient, or procuring them to be admitted into this Hospital.

8. Item, That no Person shall be permitted, on the Score or Charge of the House, under the name or notion of a Skellet-carrier, or otherwise, to assist or wait upon the Apothecary or Chirurgions of this House in their Applications to the Patients; but that the whole Service be done by the Apothecary and Chirurgions themselves, or Servants kept at their own Charge.

9. Item, That the Apothecary take care that the Physick be duly administered to the Patients, according to the Prescription of the Doctors.

10. Item, That the Grand Physical Medicines be dispensed in this House, and that all the Physical and Chirurgical Medicines be viewed four times a Year by the Physicians and Chirurgions of this House, in presence of the Treasurer and two Governours at least; and such Medicines as are Bad, to be Destroyed.

11. Item, That all the Doctors and Chirurgions, do meet together at the House every Monday, Thursday and Saturday, by Ten of the Clock, to take care of the Poor; and that every Saturday they go all together through all the Wards, to visit and inspect the Patients, and then and there jointly consider and consult of and concerning such whose Cases are extraordinary and difficult, whether Doctors or Chirurgions Patients, and then and there prescribe and direct such Administrations or Operations, as shall be by them, or the major part of them, (whereof one shall be a Doctor) thought fit.

12. Item, That none be permitted to dress for or under any Chirurgions in this House, but such as are Bound Apprentices at Chirurgions-Hall, for a Term of Seven Years at least, and have Served Two Years of that Term, unless in presence of his Master, and except such young Chirurgions as shall be approved by the Committee of Governours, or Treasurer of this House for the time being, according to an Order made at the General Court, the Seventeenth of March, 1702.

13. Item, That no Chirurgion shall suffer any Servant to apply Causticks, or dilate or cut open any Impostumes or Sinuous Ulcers, except the Master of such Servant be present, and direct the same. And that no Dead Body shall be opened, dissected, or dismembred, without Leave from the Treasurer.

14. Item, That some of the Governours Takers-in for the time being, do view the Poor once a Week or oftner, on a sudden, and unexpected by the Officers, to see how all things are managed; and once a Week to examine all the Provisions.

15. Item, That if any Chirurgion have any considerable or extraordinary Operation to perform, he shall give Notice of the time of his doing the same to the Doctors, and other Chirurgions, that they may be present if they please.

16. Item, That the Minister, or Hospitler, do frequently and carefully visit the Sick and Lame Poor in this House, for their Instruction and Consolation, as their Case shall require.

17. Item, That the Officers and Patients do constantly attend the Worship and Service of God in the Chappel, at the usual times, on the Sabbath-days, and other days, upon pain of Forfeiture of one days Allowance for the first Offence, (without reasonable Excuse) and after offending, to be punished at the Discretion of the Treasurer, or two Governours Takers-in.

18. Item, That at the time of Ringing the Bell to call to Worship in the Chappel, the Steward take care that the Men Patients, and the Matron the Women Patients, do duly attend the same: And at all other times the Door of the Chappel shall be locked.

19. Item, That all Money payable on account of Soldiers, or other Patients, admitted into this Hospital, or for Burials here, be collected by the Steward, and accounted for Monthly; and that the Steward, Matron, Cook and Butler, shall Weekly, or at farthest Monthly, give Account to the Governours (Takers-in) Almoners for that Month, of all such Victuals and other Provisions as have in that time come to their hands, and how spent.

20. Item, That the Butler and Cook shall deliver all their Victuals at the Ringing of the Bell for that purpose; and shall observe due Weights and Measures, in receiving in and delivering out; and the Sisters are presently to come for the same, on pain of 12d.

21. Item, That neither Officer nor Poor, shall Swear, or take God's Name in vain, nor revile or miscall one another, nor strike or beat one another, nor steal Meat, Drink, Apparel, or other thing, one from the other; nor abuse themselves by Inordinate Drinking, nor Incontinent Living, nor Talk or Act Immordestly, upon pain of Expulsion: And

that when they go to, or return from their Meals and Beds, they crave God's Blessing, and return due Thanks to God.

22. Item, That none of the Poor contract Matrimony with each other within the No Matrimony-House; and that none of the Men go into the Womens Wards, nor the Women into the Mens Wards without License, upon pain of Expulsion.

23. Item, That the Matron take care that the Sisters do their Duties diligently; and Matrons Duty, that they lodge not out of the House, nor be absent from their Charge, without Leave from the Treasurer.

24. Item, That the Sisters be careful there be no playing at Cards, Dice, or other Games in No Gaming this House, and to give Notice to the Treasurer, or Committee, if any offend therein.

25. Item, That the Sisters keep their Wards constantly neat and clean, and that the Sisters to clean their Duff and Stools be carried out of their Wards by Six of the Clock in the Morning, to the appointed Places.

26. Item, That no Person fetch or carry Fire from one place to another, in Wooden About fetching Fire. Vessels, or any other thing which may be dangerous for Fire.

27. Item, That all the able Men and Women Patients, shall help the Sisters to cleanse Patients to help the the Wards without Money or Reward, upon pain of Expulsion: And that the Sisters shall wash, or cause to be washed, all weak Peoples Clouts, without taking any Money or Reward for the same.

28. Item, That no Sister deliver the Patients Fewel, for any other use than the Poor Sisters not to burn the of the Ward to which they belong, under pain of Five Shillings to be paid by the Sister. Patients Fewel.

29. Item, That no Patients sit up in their Wards, or stay out of the House after Eight of the Clock at Night in Winter, and Nine in the Summer, without License from the Steward, on pain of Expulsion.

30. Item, That no Patient shall lye out of the House, without special License from the Steward, on pain of Expulsion, and no such License is to be given without leave first had from the Treasurer or the Governours Takers-in, nor till the Opinion of the Doctor or Surgeon whose Patient such Person is, be also had, that it will not be prejudicial to his or her Cure; And every such Persons Name shall be first entred in the taking in Book, with the time when such License is granted, and for how many days, and by whom allowed.

31. Item, That the Steward do examine daily, and take an exact account of the Number of Patients in every Ward, distinguishing how many are upon the House Dyet or the Two Penny or Four-Penny Score, in each Ward; and deliver the same Signed by him to the Almoners for the time being, to be by them compared with the Accounts which shall be delivered from the several Wards, for the better preventing any overcharge in the number of Patients: And if any false Accounts shall be given of the Number of such Patients, the Persons offending therein, shall be dismissed from the Service of this Hospital.

32. Item, That no Patients be kept in the House after presented out, on pain of Expulsion of the Sister of that Ward where such Patient shall be kept, without leave from the Treasurer or Two Governours Takers-in.

33. Item, That no Patient be kept in the House to whom Physick or Chyrurgery is not administered within a Week after Admittance, on pain of Expulsion of the Sister that so keeps them, without giving Notice to the Treasurer, or the Governours Takers-in.

34. Item, That the Back-gate be always kept shut, except on Court days, and when Provisions are brought into the House, and when the same shall be allowed by the Committee or Treasurer: And that all the Gates be shut up from Michaelmas to Lady-day, at Seven of the Clock at Night; and from Lady-day to Michaelmas, at Eight of the Clock at Night; and the Keys of the said Gates, to be carried to the Steward at those Hours: And that the Gates be opened at Six of the Clock in the Summer, and Seven in Winter, in the Morning.

35. Item, That the Sexton keep the Chappel and Court-Yards clean, and make Graves when occasion is; and that the common Graves be Six Foot in Length, Six Foot in Depth, and Three Foot in Breadth; and that no Corps be laid nearer then two Foot to the upper part of the ground: For which common Graves, he is to be paid 18d per Grave.

36. Item, That every Officer or Servant Lodging in the House, shall eat his, and her Victuals in the House, and not go to any Ale-House or other Place, ordinarily to do it.

37. Item, That no Patient eat any Meat, or drink any Wine, Brandy, strong Ale, or strong Beer, or other Drink, but what shall be directed or allowed by the Physician or Chirurgion, under whose Care such Patients shall be.

38. Item, That the Old Cloaths of Patients dying in the House, shall be Weekly or Monthly disposed of by the Treasurer, or Two Governours Takers-in.

39. Item, That every Tenth Bed be left empty, to be aired before any other be laid therein; and that but one Person Lodge in one Bed at a time.

40. Item, That all Old Sheets, after they are past Service for Beds, be washed clean, and delivered to the Matron, by her to be delivered to the Chirurgions, for use of the Poor.

41. Item, That the Hospitler, Steward, Matron, Butler, Cook and Porters, shall reside in this Hospital, in the Houses or Apartments respectively provided for them; and shall not Lodge out of the Hospital, without leave of the Committee or Treasurer, nor employ any Patient about any but the House Business.

42. Item, That if hereafter, any happen to be Admitted into this House who have the Foul Disease, they shall not go into any of the clean Wards, nor come into the Officers Houses, nor within the Chappel, nor sit upon the Seats, nor walk about in the Court-Yards, upon pain of Expulsion. And if any Patient having the Foul Disease, shall refuse or neglect to discover the same at the time of taking in, and shall be placed in a clean Ward, every such Patient, when discovered, shall be immediately discharged the House without Cure. And that no Person be Admitted Twice for the said Distemper.

43. Item, That the Porters do diligently keep their Gates, and suffer no Poor to go out, but upon necessary Occasions, nor any Persons to go through the Hospital with Burdens.

44. Item, That no Officer or Servant, Man or Woman, shall be Admitted for the future, who shall be above Fifty Years of Age, or shall be of an Unhealthy Constitution.

45. Item, That the Steward shall frequently, but more especially in the Evenings, visit the Mens Wards, and the Matron the Womens Wards, to see that the Orders of the House be duly observed.

46. Item, That such of these Orders as concern Admitting Patients, and their Behaviour after Admission, be read every time the Takers-in meet to receive Poor, by the Steward; that they being always acquainted therewith, may also charge the Poor upon their Admittance, with the Observation thereof.

None received, but on Court Days.

None received of Infectious Diseases.

None received without Security.

None taken in twice.

None taken in that are incurable.

No garnish Money.

The Poor dressed.

No Skellet Carrier.

Apothecaries Duty.

Medicines viewed four times a Year.

Doctors and Chirurgions to meet every Monday, Thursday, and Saturday, to prescribe.

Chirurgions Servants.

Chirurgions Servants not to apply Colticks, &c.

Governours to view the Poor and Provisions.

Chirurgions to acquaint each other of extraordinary Operations. The Ministers Duty to visit.

All to attend the Worship of God.

Patients to come to Chappel.

Steward, &c. Weekly Account.

Victuals delivered.

No Swearing, &c.

Patients to help the Sisters to clean their Wards, by Six in the Morning.

About fetching Fire.

Patients to help the Sisters.

Sisters.

Patients Fewel.

None to sit up or stay out late at Night.

No Patient to lye out of the House without License.

The Steward to take account daily of number of Patients.

None continued, after presented out.

None kept a Week without Physick, &c.

Porters Duty.

Nothing brought in, or Sold in the House without License.

About Old Cloaths.

Tenth Bed empty.

Old Sheets.

Officers not to Lodge abroad.

About Foul Disease.

Porters Duty about Patients going abroad and returning home.

None admitted Servants above 50 years of Age, or unhealthy.

Steward and Matron frequently to visit the Wards.

Orders to be read to the Takers-in.